GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 100 days guaranteed work is not being provided to the card holders under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has recently compiled any data on the average number of working days provided/being provided to the card holders on an average in different States under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; State-wise /UT-wise;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of 100 days of work and creation of valuable assets under the scheme; and

(f) the nature of work done and assets created under the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): NREGA is a demand driven programme. The number of days for which employment is provided will depend on the number of days for which employment is demanded by a household. During the year 2006-07, a total of 2.12 crore households demanded employment out of which 2.10 crore households were provided employment. 21.43 lakh households had completed 100 days of employment. During 2007-08 (up to October, 07) 2.14 crore households have demanded employment and 2.11 crore households have been provided employment. 4.90 lakh households have completed 100 days of employment during the current year so far.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Average number of working days provided to each household under NREGA during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08(up to October, 07) is given in the Annexure. At present, the Act is being implemented only in States. Union Territories have been covered under NREGA with effect from 1.4.2008.

(e): The objective of NREGA is to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households in the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to adult members of every rural household for doing unskilled manual work on demand. Thus, NREGA provides a supplementary means of livelihood for the rural people. Members of the household are free to avail other available employment opportunities in addition to the 100 days of guaranteed employment per household provided under the Act on demand. It is not mandatory for a registered household to get 100 days of employment every year. The works to be taken up under the Act are such that they lead to creation of durable assets.

(f): The nature of works taken up and assets created are as given below.

S. No.	Activity	Number of works taken up During 06-07	Number of works taken up during 07-08
1.	Water conservation & water harvesting	267760	299200
2.	Renovation of traditional water bodies	60415	76619
3.	Provision of irrigation facility	80894	118794
4.	Micro irrigation works	28060	43643
5.	Drought proofing	77580	94087
6.	Flood control and protection	17905	21980
7.	Rural Connectivity	180049	154580
8.	Land development	89192	131693
9.	Any other activity	33505	55054

Annexure

Annexure as referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Quest No. 2059 due for reply on 30.11.2007

S.No.	States	Average No. of working days provided to each Households (Year 2006-07)	Avg. No. of working days provided to each Households Year 2007-08 up to Oct, 2007
1	2	3	
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	31	28
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	27	NR
3	ASSAM	72	27
4	BIHAR	35	18
5	GUJARAT	44	32
6	HARYANA	48	36
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	47	66
8	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	27	20
9	KARNATAKA	41	41
10	KERALA	21	21
11	MADHYA PRADESH	69	43
12	MAHARASHTRA	45	45
13	MANIPUR	100	11
14	MEGHALAYA	25	29
15	MIZORAM	15	42
16	NAGALAND	47	5
17	ORISSA	57	35
18	PUNJAB	49	42
19	RAJASTHAN	85	52
20	SIKKIM	59	6
21	TAMIL NADU	27	61
22	TRIPURA	67	22
23	UTTAR PRADESH	32	15
24	WEST BENGAL	14	12
25	CHHATTISGARH	56	46
26	JHARKHAND	37	33
27	UTTRANCHAL	30	27
Total		43	30

NR Denotes Not Reported